SUBJECTS.

Dewan's reply.—There are two questions, *viz.*, reducing the number of instalments and changing the kist months. In the case of garden lands, the number of instalments was at one time 10. It has been reduced to 4. In regard to rice lands, the number has been reduced from 6 to 4. I do not think that we shall be justified in going back to the old system of 10 kists. I think four kists are quite convenient to the ryots.

In regard to the months, however, I have been looking into the matter. Probably the months of Kanni and Thulam are a little premature. In the case of the Kanni crop, the demand comes just when the ryot is getting his outturn and he has to sell his produce at low rates. So, the question of putting off the instalments a month later will be considered.

5. *Changes in the rules re. puduval registry.*

Mr. C. Krishna Iyer (Member, Nedumangad Taluk) said that para 6 of the Forest Rules of 1079 conflicted with the provisions of the Land Conservancy or Poramboke Regulation, in that the former required that puduval lands should not be entered upon by parties till registered in their names, while the Poramboke Regulation permitted parties to enter upon the lands after three months from the date of application for registry. The Forest officers charged men for entry made under Regulation II of 1067, though Regulation II of 1068 did not allow that. In regard to applications for puduvals, the Rules required registry to first applicant, but there was no provision to ascertain who was the first applicant. This gave rise to disputes between the reclaimer of a puduval and the first applicant. He therefore requested that either the Revenue department should be ordered to do the work of recovering the value of trees on puduvals near the forest areas, or the Forest department, the work of registering puduvals; and that applications for puduvals should be notified in the Gazette.

Dewan's reply.—The Forest Rules and the Poramboke Regulation have been looked into and there is really no conflict between the two. In regard to the disposal of puduval cases, however, there can be no doubt that there is considerable delay. I believe that much of the difficulty the member has complained of is due to the delay in getting these cases disposed of. This will be looked into.

6. *Separate water-cess not to be levied on lands served by the Kodayar.*

Mr. M. Madhavan Tampi (Member, Kalkulam Taluk) rose to speak on the subject of water-cess when the Dewan made the following pronouncement. He thereupon said that he did not want to press Government for an answer.

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